

**CONTROLLING SHARPS INJURIES IN CALIFORNIA:  
State of the Art Update for Occupational & Infection Control Professionals**

**September 15, 2006  
Oakland, CA**

**October 20, 2006  
Los Angeles, CA**

**SCHEDULE**

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8:30-8:45                      **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Robert Harrison, MD, MPH, Program Chair*

**General Session #1: Counting Injuries and Finding Risk Factors**

8:45 – 9:30                      **Progress in Preventing Sharps Injuries: Where Do We Stand in 2006?**  
*Jane Perry, MA*

9:30 – 10:00                      **Sharps Injury Trends in California Hospitals**  
*Florence Reinisch, MPH*

10:00– 10:30                      **Sharps Injury Surveillance and Prevention in Massachusetts**  
*Angela Laramie, MPH*

10:30 - 10:45                      **Break**

**General Session #2: Workers on the Frontline: Successes and Continued Problems**

10:45 – 11:45                      **Getting Involved: Methods for Creating an Effective Program**  
*June Fisher, MD*

11:45 – 1:00                      **Lunch (on your own)**

**General Session #3: Selecting the Best Devices for your Program**

1:00- 1:45                      **Safer Needle Devices: Direct Care Providers Assessment of Syringes, Blood Collection Devices, and IV Catheters**  
*Marion Gillen RN, MPH, PhD*

1:45-2:15                      **The Right Tool for the Right Job**  
*Barbara DeBaun, RN BSN, CIC (Northern California)*  
*Annemarie Flood, RN, BS, NCIC (Southern California)*

**General Session #4: The Future of Sharps Design and Injury Prevention**

2:15 – 2:45                      **Safety Market Conversion Trends and New Technologies**  
*Christine Bush, Becton, Dickinson & Co.*

2:45 -3:15                      **The New Standard for Safety**  
*Kathryn Duesman, RN, BSN, Retractable Technologies, Inc.*

3:15 - 3:30                      **Break**

3:30 - 4:00                      **Sharps Injuries in California: A Regulatory Perspective**  
*Deborah Gold, MPH, CIH*

4:00 - 4:30                      **Research and Prevention: Future Directions for Sharps Injuries**  
*Robert Harrison, MD, MPH*

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**OBJECTIVES**

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*At the end of this conference participants will be able to:*

- ❖ Review the current rates of sharps injuries, and the persistent risk factors for these injuries among health care workers
- ❖ Discuss the successes and continued pitfalls in implementing a sharps injury prevention program
- ❖ Recognize how some sharps designs may result in a higher risk of injuries
- ❖ Describe innovative methods and models for sharps device selection
- ❖ Discuss the challenges of designing sharps injury devices to reduce the risk of injuries in health workers, and the future of prevention efforts

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**ACCREDITATION**

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*This course offers the following continuing education credit:*

**Physicians:**



The COEH Continuing Education Program is accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality/California Medical Association (IMQ/CMA) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The COEH Continuing Education Program takes responsibility for the content, quality and scientific integrity of this CME activity.

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**Industrial Hygienists:**

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**Safety Professionals:**

This course meets the Board of Certified Safety Professionals criteria for 0.5 COC point.